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Dean returned to New York last night.

At the staff meeting this morning we discussed principally the Korean resolutions and the discussions which took place yesterday between General Eisenhower, who was accompanied by Messrs. Lodge and Dodge, with President Truman, who had in his company Secretaries Acheson, Lovett, Snyder, and Mr. Harriman. Dean outlined the more pressing problems in foreign policy and suggested to the General that a more complete liaison should quickly be established. No suggestion was made that General Eisenhower accept any responsibility for actions to be taken by the United States Government before he assumes office. It was, however, suggested to him that he might want to make a statement on the question of Korean prisoners of war. He said he would take this matter under advisement.

The President and General Eisenhower issued a joint communiqué at the end of the meeting designed to give the impression there will be no startling divergence between the two Administrations.

Woody Wallner came to see me. He is going shortly to Belgrade, where he is taking Jake Beam's place as Deputy Chief of the Mission. He will be a tremendous loss in Paris, where his wisdom and skill have been of the greatest value.

Graham Martin called on me. He took examinations for Class 1 of the Foreign Service but was admitted at the top of Class 2. He intends to reject this offer. He believes he was put in the lower class because of discrimination against administrative as contrasted with political or other officers. His future plans are indefinite. I deeply

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regret [redacted] he will not be in the Foreign Service, for he is a man of the most unusual talents and ability.

Loy Henderson called on me and we talked about Iran.

The Yugoslav Ambassador and his interpreter met with Wally Barbour and myself. He has just returned from a trip to Yugoslavia, where he says, with the exception of a bad drought, conditions in every respect have greatly improved during the last twelve months.

I had a briefing for the NSC, [redacted] then went to the meeting, where we approved a revised paper on policy toward Iran.

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